



## AMERICANS for TAX REFORM

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CO: Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices, Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices*, MB Docket No. 16-42, CS Docket No. 97-80

Dear Commissioners:

I write in support of the *Petition to Lift Sunshine and Allow Public Comment* submitted to the Federal Communications Commission regarding its new rules on set top boxes.

(Ironically, sunshine in this context really means the exact opposite of sunshine. Dark side of the moon might be more appropriate terminology.)

The petition asks the FCC to do what it is already required to do under law. One, lift the Sunshine restrictions that keep interested parties and Commissioners from communicating with each other regarding the new set top box rules; and two, allow interested parties to review and comment on the new proposal.

With requests to see the new rules from Democrat and Republican Senators and Representatives, private industry, civil liberties groups, and other advocacy groups representing a broad swath of the political and socioeconomic spectrum, it is hard to understand how Chairman Wheeler can say the public has already had enough opportunity to comment on this proposal. It is clear the public does not agree.

Transparency is of the utmost importance. On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform, I respectfully request that the FCC grant the petitioners request and that these rules go through the correct legal process.

If you should have any questions regarding this issue please contact me, or Katie McAuliffe at [kmcauliffe@atr.org](mailto:kmcauliffe@atr.org) or 202-785-0266.

Onward,

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